

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC §102(e) over Greco et al. Although Applicants disagree, the rejected claims have been cancelled. Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Hutchison et al. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Greco et al. Although Applicants disagree, the rejected claims have been cancelled, rendering the rejections moot.

While it is true that Greco et al. teaches a system and method for detecting a leak in a high pressure fuel system via a wet sensor, it contains no teaching suggestion or incentive for how that system can be modified to include features that allow the leak location to be diagnosed, let alone be diagnosed in a manner required by Applicant's claims. In one aspect, Applicant's system includes a single wet sensor that detects and alerts an operator when a leak is detected anywhere in a high pressure fuel system, and then utilizes separate diagnostic ports for use in identifying where the leak originated in the system. Thus, the claimed invention is clearly a patentable improvement over Greco et al., and Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding §103 rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 13-16 stand objected to as being allowable but depending upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have amended claim 13 into independent form and respectfully requests that it and its dependent claims now be shown as allowable. A previously submitted check in the amount of \$200.00 was included to cover the excess independent claim fee. However no fee is believed due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 500226.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1-8 and 13-20. However, if the Examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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